Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace amend the title as follows:

ENCRYPTION METHOD <u>FOR ENCRYPTING PLAINTEXT DATA COMPOSED OF</u> <u>A PLURALITY OF BLOCKS AND</u>, ~~ENCRYPTION APPARATUS,~~ DECRYPTION METHOD <u>FOR DECRYPTING CIPHERTEXT DATA COMPOSED OF A</u> <u>PLURALITY OF BLOCKS</u> ~~AND DECRYPTION APPARATUS~~